



**NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes  
NE FYSPRT  
March 17, 2022**

**Introduction**

**Increasing Tribal/Diverse Community/Family/Youth Involvement**

**Gail Kogle, System Partner Co-Tri Lead**

The NE FYSPRT met on March 17, 2022. Becky Hammill convened the meeting via Zoom. Youth Tri Lead Ashley James, System Partner Co-Tri Leads Gail Kogle and Davina York, and Family Co-Lead Helen Harding were present. Gail welcomed 29 attendees with 15 family, tribal and youth members, and 14 system partners. Gail began the meeting by sharing the acknowledgement that we are living and working on land that originally belonged to the Tribes.

**General NE FYSPRT Business**

**A. Contract/Compliance – Community Education**

**SPECIAL MOBILITY SERVICES MOBILITY TRAINING PROGRAM**

Janine Pederson, the Mobility Training Director for SMS, presented on the organization's Mobility Training program which teaches anyone who requests assistance about utilizing public transportation. This includes riding the bus, using SMS and paratransit, using Uber and LYFT and even using the Lime bikes and scooters throughout Spokane. The program teaches the individual/family how to pay fares, how and where to safely board the bus, how to use bike racks, reading schedules, using travel apps, and feeling secure and confident in using public transportation.

Several members asked about SMS services in the rural areas north of Spokane. SMS extends to Deer Park but does not cross county lines. The current service, Gold Line bus, has limited scope and there's no Uber or LYFT. Janine indicated that SMS is only authorized where there is public transit. Brittany and Becca indicated that the Kalispel Tribe does some transportation in Pend Oreille and there are some gas vouchers, but no actual transportation organization. County and Rural Resources may know of transportation assistance opportunities in the north counties.

**B. Regional Issues**

**NE FYSPRT Self-Care Fair May 19, 2022**

Davina York began discussion of the NE FYSPRT self-care fair to be held at the Passages campus. She explained what the Self-Care Fair is and the results of the first event last year. This year, the event will be from 1 PM to approximately 5 PM. Davina identified those who attended/were invited last year and asked for input on who else to invite this year. She reminded NE



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FYSPRT members that this is a FYSPRT event and all system partner/agency members should be represented. Parking is set aside for paratransit and SMS so they can get in and out easily with their passengers. Marketing for the event will begin soon including billboards, with the recommendation of enhanced marketing downtown. Flyers will be distributed to all NE FYSPRT system partners to share with their clients. NE FYSPRT will provide tables, pop up canopies, chairs, and water. Youth members of NE FYSPRT were asked to assist in hosting the event. Representatives from DDA, SMS, Pend Oreille, and the Ombuds agreed to participate this year. Discussion will continue at the April meeting and planning meetings will begin soon.

**Suggested organizations to invite:**

- Family Promise
- Union Gospel Mission
- Consumer Consultation Panel
- Isabella House
- Range Community Clinic (well child/health screenings)
- Providence (PCCA, RISE, BEST)
- YFA Connections
- All community centers
- Zone Project
- NE Community Partners
- Youth Emergency Services in Newport
- Family Crisis Network
- Rural Resources
- A Common Voice – COPE
- VOA, Crosswalk, A Cool Cup of Water
- Spokane Parks and Rec to identify summer programs
- Isaac Foundation
- Autism NW
- ICard
- Community Minded Enterprises
- Odyssey
- Spokane Nutrition Services/Communities in Schools
- MAP High School

**WISe Wait List/Openings**



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Kalen Roy asked if there was somewhere the County could identify which agencies have openings in the WISE program and what wait lists are looking like. Is there a way to identify which agency has the shortest wait list where families can be referred? Coordinated Care indicated that families could contact them directly. Excelsior and Frontier may have openings. Zia Freeman indicated she will be at Excelsior next week and will ask. It is unknown if the Better Health Together Capacity Connect is current.

**Meeting Evaluation/Next Meeting**

Members attending today's meeting were asked to complete the NE FYSPRT evaluation. Consistent feedback from the surveys identify the need for increased youth and family participation in NE FYSPRT activities, including families and youth from other agencies. It also identified the need for WISE team representation at the NE FYSPRT meetings from all agencies.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2022.